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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/1/62

WEATHER It was fair with low humidity and moderate winds during the weekdays, cloudy and humid over the weekend. Temperature averages ranged from about 4 degrees below normal in the west to about 4 degrees below normal in the east. Showers on Wednesday totaled up to one inch in the southwest. Light precipitation over the weekend ranged from little or none at western localities to as much as one inch at scattered communities in the east.

September temperatures were below normal across the entire State. Precipitation was below normal over most of Nebraska but isolated localities in the south and east reported above normal rainfall.

CROPS Most of the corn and milo have reached maturity. By the end of last week, 99 percent of the corn was dented with four-fifths mature and safe from frost. Some late planted fields need about two more weeks of frost-free weather to fully ripen. Cutting of corn and sorghums for silage was well advanced in all areas. The harvest of these crops for grain was gaining momentum although much of the grain was running too high in moisture content for safe storage and required artificial drying.

Combining soybeans and safflower made good progress. The dry bean harvest was nearing completion with a very poor quality crop. Potato digging in the Panhandle made good strides. The crop is generally of good quality but some of the tubers lack size. Sugar beet harvest is scheduled to begin next week.

Seeding of wheat is over 90 percent complete and better than 95 percent of the rye and legumes are sown. Growing conditions have been favorable for new seedings but additional rain is needed in the Panhandle and in a few other counties to replenish surface soil moisture. Pastures and ranges continue to provide an ample supply of feed for livestock. Ranchers have been moving stacks to hay yards.

LIVESTOCK Movement of feeder cattle is gaining momentum. This year's calf crop is coming off the ranges carrying good weights. Weather conditions have been favorable for hog producers with litter size about average.

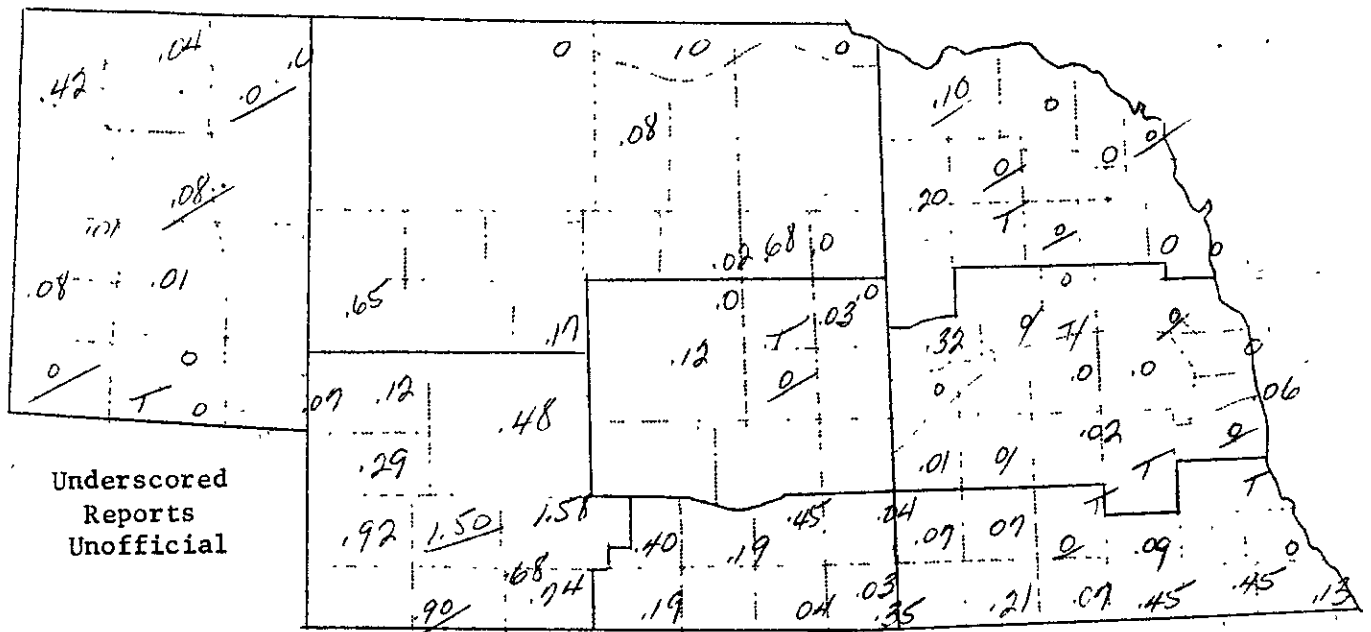
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1962

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.32	Burwell	.77	Chadron	.29
Lincoln	1.00	North Platte	.81	Imperial	.92
Norfolk	.51	Valentine	.02	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	.83			Sidney	T
Sioux City	.25				

Precipitation, April 1 - September 28, 1962

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.07	.17	.03	.08	.05	.60	.28	.18
Total since April 1	15.38	22.97	22.43	22.88	20.28	23.03	22.03	21.00
Normal since April 1	12.64	15.32	18.40	16.70	19.80	14.37	17.13	21.59

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 28, 1962



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		September		September		September		September		September		September		October	
		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		1st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	61	44	76	40	79	49	82	55	83	55	78	40	55	47
	Scottsbluff	72	47	73	46	77	47	80	49	79	50	75	37	56	48
	Sidney	75	47	68	40	76	44	77	50	74	46	75	38	56	45
NC	Burwell	78	51	70	48	79	36	72	39	73	51	73	39	54	--
	Valentine	74	48	73	44	77	41	77	50	77	57	74	38	56	40
NE	Norfolk	--	40	70	42	77	38	66	39	70	51	69	46	59	47
	Sioux City	75	44	68	44	79	40	67	43	69	46	67	50	63	48
CEN	Grand Island	79	47	67	45	80	38	69	43	72	54	67	47	62	45
EC	Lincoln	77	48	72	50	80	45	69	46	68	55	69	50	67	50
	Omaha	73	47	68	46	77	44	65	43	67	50	62	50	67	49
SW	Imperial	78	50	60	43	77	45	78	44	73	49	80	43	58	44
	North Platte	78	56	67	47	77	44	75	46	75	55	75	38	54	38

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